



H.R. 2649 – LAKE HODGES SURFACE WATER IMPROVEMENT AND RECLAMATION ACT

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 2649 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Brian Bilbray (R-CA) on June 11, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Natural Resources as amended, by voice vote, on April 30, 2008.

H.R. 2649 is expected to be considered on the floor on May 13, 2008.

The legislation authorizes the federal government to pay for 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

SUMMARY

H.R. 2649 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the Olivenhain Municipal Water District, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of projects to treat, reclaim, and reuse impaired surface water from Lake Hodges in San Diego, CA, under the Title XVI program.

BACKGROUND

Established in 1992, the Title XVI water reuse program is administered by the Bureau of Reclamation and provides aid to states with limited water resources for the design and construction of water reclamation projects. Congress has authorized 35 Title XVI projects and the Bureau of Reclamation is currently actively pursuing 21 projects and has completed four of them. Due to the cost of Title XVI projects, the Bureau of Reclamation is not supporting new project authorizations at this time.

Lake Hodges is located approximately 31 miles north of San Diego, CA, on the San Dieguita River. According to the San Diego County Water Authority, up to 90 percent of the region's water is imported from the Colorado River and from Northern California with the remaining 10 percent coming from local sources.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that implementing H.R. 2649 would cost \$14 million over 5 years and would not affect direct spending or revenues. ([CBO Cost Estimate](#))

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